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Anglican Church

There will be a celebration of the Holy Communion on the morning of Christmas day.

O. Norton.

A Christmas Hymn

There was the calm and silent night:
The stars of heavenly home,
Impetuously sped, his chariot's flight,
In lonely revel, telling home,
Triumphal arches gleaming swell
The breast with thoughts of boundless weal;
What recked the Roman, what befell
A petty province far away,
In the solemn midnight,
Centuries ago!

Within that province far away
Went plodding home, a weary host;
A streak of light before him lay,
Fell's through a half-drawn stable door
Across his path. He passed—fear caught
Told what was going on within;
How keen the stars' his only thought:
The air how calm and cold and thin.
In the solemn midnight,
Centuries ago!

O strange indifference—how and high—
Browed over common joys and cares:
The world was still—but knew not why:
The earth was listening unaware.
How calm a moment may proceed
One that shall thrill the world forever!
To that still moment none would heed,
Man's doom was linked, no more to sever,
In the solemn midnight,
Centuries ago!

It is the calm and solemn midnight!
A thousand hearts ring out and thrum
Their joyous peal abroad, and smite
The darkness, charmed and holy now,
The night, that erst no name had worn,
To be a happy name again:
For is that stable lay new born,
The peaceful Prince of Earth and Heaven,
In the solemn midnight,
Centuries ago!

WHEN IN EMPRESS DRINK AT THE

DOMINION CAFE

ICE CREAM

Candies, Cigars, Cigarettes
Always a Full Stock Carried
We cater to farmers
GOOD ROOMS
A Place of City Style

FAREWELL BANQUET

On Monday, December 15, a formal banquet was tendered Miss Marjorie Lamb, who left on Tuesday morning's train for London, her former home.

Sixteen guests surrounded the table, which was gaily decorated in yellow and green, with touches of silver, and for more than two hours, the merry chat went round as the five-course dinner was served. The menu was—

Curried Celery Stuffed Olives
Consomme
Steamed fresh water Salmon and Parsley, butter with lemon
Buttered baked Potatoes
Buttered Wax Beans, Apple and Walnut Salad
Lemon jelly, Biscuits, Raspberry Jelly, Potatoes.

When the guests left the table, Miss Dorothy Jackson, presided over the friends present, in the name of the friends present, a nice kid banding, after which Miss Lamb fittingly replied. It is with deep regret that we see Miss Lamb, leaving our village, as she has been one of the most willing and faithful members of the C.P.R. senior group.

The guest of honor, Miss Marjorie Lamb, was attired in navy tricot, which was jauntily trimmed with dashes of scarlet, at the high collar and cuffs, and finished with a scarlet bow at the corsage. Miss Dorothy Jackson, was happily gowned in youth's favorite color, Primrose, dainty fluff of lace trimming the organdie. Strips are quite the rage this season, and Miss Edna Burnett appeared to advantage in a striped ensemble which effected the modish flare collar, turn-back cuffs, and kick pleat. Silver and blue, mingled in the softly draping crepe, which was gracefully worn by Miss Beatrice Rybels on this occasion. A lovely gown of homely silk yuletide was elegantly trimmed

C.P.R. To Ask for Charter

A report appeared in last Friday's Calgary Herald to the effect that the C.P.R. will make application at the next session of Parliament for a charter to build a line from a point between Duchess and Rosemary on the Bowden railway branch north, to connect with the joint line being built by the C.P.R. and the C.N.R. from Rosedale to the Bull Pound.

Farewell Party

On Wednesday, December 16, a farewell party was held at the home of Mrs. Z. Lusch, at the Mayfield ladies. Mrs. N. Ashton, was the honored guest, and was the recipient of a small token presented on behalf of the ladies. She left next morning for Beldington, Alta.

Mrs. E. A. Dirk, of Praelar, was admitted to the hospital on December 17.

"Peace on Earth, Goodwill to Men."

Our Greeting :

At this Season of the year,
when the milk of human kindness pours out on every hand and every countenance is aglow with the warmth of Social gladness, we would express to all

Our Most Cordial Wishes for A
Yuletide full of Health,
Happiness and Joy.

The Publishers.



with radio blue, and worn by Miss Betty Duff. Miss Ruth Rutherford, chose a ground of navy French robe, which was most admirably trimmed with sash d's of various sizes and lace trills. Whirlpool blue, with silver, combined to carry out the chic, moonish effect of Miss Marion Torry's serge costume. Miss Mildred Jackson, looked charming as usual in a seersucker sport sweater of marigold and ivory, with an ivory satin skirt. Adjacent colors of sours and Havana trimmed, in intricate plaid effects the youthful fluff frock of Miss Jessie Burnett.

A semi-evening gown was worn with distinction by Miss Violet Stearns, consisting of one of the new long jaquette of old gold moiré crepe over turquoise multi-colored crepe. Miss Marjorie Arthur wore a modish aproned model of flame Shanghai fuff, with which her fashionable nude stockings toned softly. The predominant

ing colour of the evening was midnight. Miss Ruth Marquardt wore satin, with a demure collar of French lawn and lace. A colorful note was added in her sash, which blended blue bell pompador and sapphire. Miss Mary Rowles, was attired in Fu Manchu, the simple elegance being relieved by pearls of dull gold and a rope of pearls. Miss Hazel Northcott selected taffeta, which fell in soft gathers and which nothing could have been more becoming to her blonde beauty. Miss Winifred Rowles' Charmeuse gown was strikingly marked by gorgeous rose of flame, silk velvet, and pale peach stockings. The hostess, Mrs. Caldwell wore a Parisian model of French georgette in shades of rose, with applique medallions of Italian embroidery. Extract from Social Forum, "The Sportswoman."

Dave says, "Printing ink is the world's greatest salesman."

To Our Patrons
and Friends:

Kindly accept our

Heartiest
Season's
Greetings

May the New Year bring you
Bountiful Prosperity



M. G. BOYD

Greetings for
Christmas and
the New Year

To all our Friends in Empress and district:
We have kind remembrance of the friendship that has existed during the past year.

We wish for all a full measure of Joy and Contentment in the present holiday season.

We pray for Life's Best for one and all in the Coming Year.

In the name of our Common Master, the World's Christmas Spirit.

REV. & MRS. N. W. WHITMORE



United Church

Sunday School, 2 p.m.

Dr. Samuel Johnson of Dictionary fame, wrote that he loved the acquaintance of young people. He had good reasons for this affection and so have the staff of teachers and officers in our Sunday School. Boys and girls will be helped by their companionship and leadership.

Public Worship, 7.30 p.m.
Next Sunday will be the 100th of the present year. In retrospect we shall take a glance at the perplexing things of life and endeavor to find a basis for True Optimism. Let us bring to a fitting close our year of worship.

Musical:
Prayer: "Tranquillity"
Solo, "Night of Nights"
Alto Union Solo, chorus by choir, "The New Jerusalem"
Public Worship will also be held at Rosedale at 2 p.m., weather and roads permitting.
N. W. Whitmore, Minister.

Make Big Shipment of Turkeys

Maple Creek, Dec. 14.—Last week P. Bastedo bought Christmas poultry for the Vancouver market. Ten tons of turkeys, mostly No. 1 grade were purchased from the immediate district, with an additional three tons from Hutton and Papat, also a ton and half of geese and three hundred weight of chickens. The turkeys were bought at 25c a pound, which brought in good money for the farmer.

Reg. Berkshire Boar for Sale

Born May 17th, 1924, bred by James D. McGregor, Brandon, Brandon, Man. Apply to Charles Glen, Cavendish, Alta.

The Legend of 'St. Christopher

Often as the saint was known in his youth, was a very strong, tall, and brave young man, whose chief ambition was to serve the greatest king on earth. Leaving home, he travelled far until he came to the palace of a king, who was said to be the greatest and bravest that lived. Offered to be enlisted and served in the king's army. One day he learned that the great king feared one greater than himself. So Offero left him saying, "I may not serve thee longer. I have promised to serve only the greatest, and one who feared nothing. Since thou fearest an Evil One, I must seek and serve him."

Offero, eventually found the Prince of Evil, and served him. One day as they were passing a wooded grove, by the wayside, the Prince of Evil trembled. Again the youth set out to [cont. on back page]

TO ALL,
Goodwill and
Good Wishes

- for -
A Yuletide of Joy
- A -

NEW YEAR of
PROSPERITY
FROM
BLODGETT
'The Mens' Man'



WARNING TO USERS OF RADIO

All Radio Receiving Sets
MUST be Licensed

Penalty on summary conviction is a fine not exceeding \$50.00

Licence Fee \$1.00 per annum

Licenses valid to 31st March, 1926, may be obtained from: Staff Post Offices, Radio Dealers, Radio Inspectors, or from Radio Branch, Department of Marine and Fisheries, Ottawa

The proceeds from license fees are used to control broadcasting and to improve broadcast reception conditions.

A. JOHNSTON, Deputy Minister of Marine and Fisheries

EMPRESS THEATRE

W. C. BOYD, MANAGER

A Right Merry Christmas to All

Saturday, December 26
OUR CHRISTMAS PICTURE

"Old Home Week"
with the Fans favorite
THOMAS MEIGHEN

A picture that you will enjoy at this season, reviving many pleasant memories

HOLIDAY DANCE

Tuesday Evening, December 29
9.30 p.m.

Wishing you and yours
A Very Merry Christmas

and a year full of
Every Happiness & Prosperity
EMPRESS DRUG CO.

1925



1926

To Our Many Customers
and Friends we extend--

Greetings:
FOR A MERRY
CHRISTMAS

.. AND A ..

HAPPY NEW YEAR
N. D. STOREY

New German Ministry To Be Formed On A Coalition Basis

Berlin.—President Von Hindenburg accepted the resignation of the German Cabinet which was handed him Saturday. The president requested Chancellor Brücker to continue at his post. This means that the cabinet will form a new ministry on a coalition basis, the views of which will coincide with politics and approaches entered into at Locarno, and ratified at London, December 1.

The resignation of the cabinet was in accordance with the announcement the chancellor made prior to the signing of the Locarno pact.

Rich Silver-Gold Ore Mine

Daily Confirms Stories of Missouri Mines in B.C.

Vancouver.—Stories of enormous deposits of rich silver-gold ore in the Big Missouri Mine, situated in the Selkirk River section of the Portland Canal district, north of Prince Rupert, B.C., are confirmed by Dr. Italy, who has been directing development of the property all summer.

Daily was here on his way to report to his principals, the Standard Mines Corporation of Tacoma, Wash.

"As a matter of fact," he said, "there is enough ore on the surface of the Big Missouri to build an economically mined, to pay off Canada's national debt."

This mine was under bond to Dr. Donald Mann and associates, Dr. in 1910 and again in 1918, but each time the bond was thrown up on the advice of geologists.

Severe Storms In Rome

Intense Cold and Heavy Snow Causes Much Suffering

Rome.—Continuing the unusually tempestuous weather is causing considerable damage as well as great suffering among the poor, with heavy rainfall and gales in Naples and Calabria and intense cold and heavy snow along the Apennines and Trentino Alps. Many rivers, notably the Tiber and Arno, are out of their beds. Homes are being swept away, and the inhabitants in Naples are dying. The frozen are busy tramping up houses undermined by the waters.

British May Tax Betting

Government Considers Step To Ease Financial Burdens

London.—A tax on betting which heretofore has not been received with official favor, may yet be resorted to by the British Government to ease the country's financial burden. A resolution in favor of such a tax was passed in the House of Lords, when Lord Salisbury undertook that the government would consider the proposal. This does not necessarily imply adoption of the tax, but it is a step in advance of any other indication.

United Livestock Growers To Co-Operate With Alberta Livestock Pool

Alberta Co-operative Livestock Producers Name Three Directors to Board of U.L.G.—Advance in Co-operative Shipping

Locked For

During the past week a change in the organization of United Livestock Growers, Ltd., has been completed under this company and the Alberta Co-operative Livestock Producers, Ltd., commonly known as the Alberta Livestock Pool, are coordinated. This arrangement received the unanimous approval of the directors of the United Livestock Growers, Ltd., delegates at the annual meeting of United Grain Growers Ltd., and has been brought into effect as a result. Up until now United Livestock Growers has been conducted by United Grain Growers, although for 15 months it has only been a co-operative organization, the profits of which have been distributed on a co-operative patronage dividend basis.

Under the new plan the Alberta organization takes up a number of shares of stock in United Livestock Growers, Ltd., and the United Livestock Growers, Ltd., is entitled to a proportion of three on the Board of Directors, while the three remaining directors are nominated by United Grain Growers, Ltd.

The plan of organization adopted looks to the organization in each province, and the United Livestock Growers shipping associations which

For Unity Of Party

Reported Conciliatory Note Adopted

London.—"If I am an obstacle to Liberal unity I am prepared to retire," is the reported declaration made by David Lloyd George at a private gathering of Liberals here, when Lord Oxford and Anghel, was entertained with a view to a further healing of the differences between the two wings of the Liberal Party.

Reports of the gathering agree that a specially conciliatory note was adopted by Lloyd George, particularly with regard to his last campaign which, it is understood, will be the subject of entire approval of both sections of Liberalism. He said his last policy could be modified.

Lord Oxford and Anghel declared he and Mr. Lloyd George had worked together harmoniously for ten years, although there had been differences between them, they had come to get again and were the best of friends. He said he had every hope that the differences over Mr. Lloyd George's last policy would be settled in a few days. He plainly intimated, however, that if they were not shortly settled, the party would have to without him, for he would be unable to remain with a disunited party.

Prepare For Confrontation On Disarmament

Council of League Invises U. S. and Russia to Meet

Geneva, Switzerland.—The disarmament council of the League of Nations voted to invite the United States and Soviet Russia to become members of the special commission which is to be created to prepare for an international conference for the reduction of armaments.

The first stone of the foundation for a future international conference for the reduction of armaments was laid when it was known as the League of Nations Council Number 2, which is entrusted with the study of all disarmament problems, held its inaugural meeting.

It is this new organization which will prepare the way for the convening of a conference for the reduction and limitation of armaments. It is desired to make it as representative as possible, so as to be able to handle the complicated phrases of disarmament.

The meetings are being attended by Lord Cecil of Britain.

Smoke Battering Steamships

Not London.—Unusually heavy smoke from their Portuguese cigarettes betrayed three Italian steamships, on the steamship Maritima Washington. They were concealed in a cloud of food and drink and had remained undiscovered all the way from Lisbon.

Champion Shortens Sold

Chicago.—King of the Fairies, champion Shorten bull of the world, exhibited at the International Livestock and horse show here by the Prince of Wales, was sold for \$15,000 to Frank C. Baker, Kansas City, Mo., owner of the Baker Shorten Farm. The animal is five years old and weighs 2,500 pounds.

LIVE STOCK JUDGING CONTEST

Winners of the W. C. McDonald trophy for livestock judging at the Royal Winter Fair, Toronto, Ont. The Manitoba Agricultural College team won the trophy this year by a margin of eleven points over a team from the University of Alberta. Seated—left to right: Mr. B. Scott, Prof. H. B. Sommerfeld (coach), Jas. W. Walker. Standing—left to right: Mr. McPherson, W. H. McPherson, Roy West.

Good Season On Great Lakes

Report Shows Year Just Closed Best On Record

Chicago.—The greatest season in the history of shipping on the Great Lakes has just closed, with an approximate total tonnage of \$2,000,000,000, largely to better conditions in the steel industry which caused a record in iron ore shipments. The year included a slight but notable expansion in deep-sea shipping through the Welland Canal entrance to the Great Lakes, the first of which is limited to vessels drawing 12 feet. Several clipper ships were received direct from Europe. The port authorities of the Duluth district reported 11 foreign ships clearing Western Lake Superior ports this year, eight of them Norwegian.

The 1925 season has been remarkably free from disaster, only two ships being sunk with a loss of a few lives.

The movement of grain from the northwest and Canadian producing sections down the Great Lakes was considerably less this year than in 1924, which holds the season's record of 145,000,000 bushels.

The three commodities constituting the bulk of the lake traffic were ore, coal and grain.

The Duluth port records this year showed 10,395 ships arriving, compared with 9,782 last year.

Saskatchewan Assembly

First Session of the Sixth Legislature Is Opened

Regina.—When the Saskatchewan Legislature assembled for the first session of the sixth assembly, the accompanying ceremonies were marked by the brilliancy of the new province for mourning consequent upon the death of the Queen Mother.

Following the usual formalities attending upon the opening of a new legislature, the speech from the throne was delivered and an adjournment was made.

The intention of the government to propose making prairie lands available for other examination by experts of the possibility of utilizing the latest power resources of the province was perhaps the most important announcement in the speech from the throne delivered by Lieutenant-Governor McPherson.

Introduction of measures dealing with industrial disputes, co-operative marketing, arrears of taxes, cities and various amending bills was also shadowed in the throne speech.

Walter George Robinson, government member for Brandon, was unanimously elected speaker of the legislature on the motion of Premier Dundas, seconded by Hon. A. P. McNab, minister of public works.

Urgent Completion Of Highway

Winnipeg.—The completion of the Manitoba-Ontario highway was urged by Dr. P. E. Doolittle, Toronto, president of the Canadian Automobile Association, in an interview here. Manitoba has 25 miles to construct, and when this is finished, Mr. Doolittle predicted Manitoba would get many United States tourists who visit the Lake of the Woods district each year.

Yeggmen Easily Scared

New York.—The squall of a cyclone, which probably had its origin ground out beneath the heel of a yeggman, are thought to have scared thieves who abandoned \$20,000 worth of diamonds after they had spent a safe in a jewelry store.

NEW RULES MADE FOR RELIEF OF WAR PENSIONERS

Ontario.—A modification of the regulations governing relief for war pensioners in distressed circumstances has been announced by the department of soldiers' civil relief, ministerial. Relief will now be given now to "twenty per cent. pensioners," or men receiving more than twenty per cent. who are in extreme need of help.

That is, men who are receiving twenty per cent. or more of the full disability pension which is \$50 per month.

Prior to this announcement, any pensioner in straitened circumstances might receive allowances of fuel or food to provide shelter. It was always been the practice of the department to make these special relief grants for fuel, food or rent, but never as an actual outright money grant. The new regulation is now in force and applies to all parts of Canada.

Business Conditions Improving In West

Outlook For Future Is Bright Says C.P.R. Official

Montreal.—Even prior to the gathering of the winter crop in the prairie provinces, conditions in the west have shown consistent improvement this year, according to C. E. McPherson, assistant passenger traffic manager, Canadian Pacific Railway western lines, stationed in Winnipeg, interviewed at head office of the system here.

Mr. McPherson was distinctly optimistic as to the present position in the west and as to the outlook for the future.

"The crop has now been practically gathered, threshing is finished and the grain has been stored in elevators. All that remains is the transportation of wheat and that is going forward with dispatch, as may be seen by recently issued statistics. This means that a great volume of money is steadily coming to farmers which gives them full opportunity to clear off debts, leaving enough over to enable them comfortably to extend the purchases. The effect of this latter condition is obvious in the already much improved movement of westbound merchandise."

Gold Shipment From England

Bank of Commerce Sends Fifteen Millions to Halifax Branch

Halifax.—One million dollars worth of gold, sent from the London office of the Canadian Bank of Commerce to the Halifax branch of that bank, arrived yesterday in the Atlantic liner Acadia. The shipment was conveyed by motor trucks and under the escort of 14 heavily-armed guards from the steamer to the vaults in the adjacent recently general's office. The arrival, it was stated, was the first shipment of gold from England to Canada since the close of the war.

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Turkey Is Adopting A War-like Attitude And Concentrating Troops

Announces Remedy For High Blood Pressure

Possibilities Disclosed In Research At University of Toronto

Toronto.—Six months of intensive work in Toronto University's laboratory has strengthened confidence in extract of liver as a remedy for high blood pressure or for hardening of the arteries. This was announced by Dr. W. J. McDonald, St. Catherine's, Ont., in charge of the research. The conclusion was a dinner tendered him by members of the Academy of Medicine.

Experiments have confirmed the first findings, he said, and both continued treatment of laboratory animals and a preliminary chemical analysis of the potent extracts, indicate that the discovery is at the same time old and new. It is old in the sense and accomplished foundation on which it is based, and new in the possibilities which it presents for a weapon, now powerful than any known before, with which to attack the prevalent ailment of high blood pressure, and the attendant complaint of hardening of the arteries.

Greece Must Pay

League Decides Bulgaria Entitled To \$140,000 Damages

Geneva.—The League of Nations' committee, which inquired into the recent Greco-Bulgarian frontier incident finds that Greece should pay Bulgaria \$140,000 levies (about \$136,000) damages.

The commission decided to recommend to the League Council that Greece should pay Bulgaria an additional 10,000,000 levies (about \$75,000) for the loss of lives, for the wounded, for the loss of working days and for suffering of the population and the cost of military measures by Bulgaria.

Mutiny In Indian Jail

Leader Was Killed In Pithed Battle With Guards

Rangoon, India.—Nine persons have been killed and twenty-four wounded in a jail mutiny at Pypaw, Lower Burma.

Led by a murderer under sentence of death, prisoners overpowered guards and seized arms. Police surrounded the jail and the prisoners surrendered only after a pitched battle in which five prisoners and four guards were wounded.

The leader of the mutiny was among those killed.

New C.P.R. Branch Line

Rosetown.—The Canadian Pacific Railway is giving notice of application for the right of way for the construction of a line of railway from a point on their existing line here at or near Rosetown in this township northward and easterly to a point on their Sasagaw-Wetaskin branch at or near Kippure or Pindue and to a point on the main line at or near Rosetown, the line to be approximately 24 miles long, and to be constructed at a cost of \$2,000,000 per mile.

Sir John Willison Predicts Era Of Great Expansion For Canada

New York.—"Our Canada is to experience its greatest expansion in settlement and production during the next quarter century," Sir John Willison, president of the Municipal Affairs Association of Toronto, Ont., predicted in an address before the association of life insurance presidents in nineteenth annual convention here.

Increased immigration in the Dominion and increased production are the policy of life insurance preferences will soon become the accepted policy of the British Empire, he declared, Sir John's heralding Canada's approaching prosperity.

Dealing with the question of annexation to the United States by Canada, the Toronto banker told the insurance men that the Dominion's political destiny "was lying that a happier people will finally emerge with a higher standard of living and a greater wealth in production of raw products. Distance gives Canada an advantage over Australia and we should be able to hold our position in the world in competition with the Argentine."

"It may be said," continued Sir Willison, "that Russia will have recovered and that its contribution of food supplies to Europe will at least offset any decline in United States exports, but Russia has an enormous population and it is only during the last years of the revolution, it does seem likely that a happier people will finally emerge with a higher standard of living and a greater wealth in production of raw products. Distance gives Canada an advantage over Australia and we should be able to hold our position in the world in competition with the Argentine."

Of the prospects for increased world markets for Canadian food products,

London.—The Westminster Gazette has received from Ankara, the seat of the Turkish government, a mailed communication from its correspondent saying that if the League of Nations gives a decision in the Mosul dispute between Turkey and Britain which is not acceptable to Turkey, Turkey may go to war; by continual frontier raids and propaganda, stir up such trouble as is possible for Britain in that part of the world. The correspondent declares the Turkish army is well trained and disciplined along the German model and that it is also well equipped, except that it is lacking in heavy artillery and tanks.

"The Turks are said to be spending large sums in armaments and making feverish efforts to create an air force. There has been considerable troop concentration north of the Mosul line and it is reported that four infantry divisions and one cavalry division are in that area."

"Presumably," the correspondent says of the Turks forcibly to retake the village of Mosul as they would be faced only by Irish levees. "The military preparations are being backed by an exceedingly bellicose attitude on the part of the Turkish press and it is commonly stated that Turkey will fight unless she gets an acceptable decision at Geneva."

Permanent Militia Not Up To Strength

Many Troops Discharge This Year Owing to Reduced Pay

Ottawa.—Training for Canadian military units has become an urgent necessity, according to the report of the department of national defence for the past fiscal year, which has just been issued.

The report points out that in view of the high cost of maintaining the basis of training was altered in many respects last year, and training was forced to be maintained on a reduced basis. According to the report, a large number of the personnel of the Canadian permanent force took their discharge during the year, "owing to the reduction in pay, necessitated by the shortage of funds. It is necessary that the strength of the force be increased so that the unit's efficiency may be brought to a higher standard."

Italy Has Most Earthquakes

Rome.—More than 100,000 earthquake shocks have been recorded all over the world during the last year, according to statistics published here. Most of these were only short tremors, but a few were of considerable magnitude, of shocks, about 25,000, while Japan had only thirty less.

Cowichan, B.C., Fire

Cowichan, B.C.—Fire which for a time put the whole settlement in jeopardy, destroyed the building housing the post office here.

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Our National Geography Is The Largest Single Factor Affecting Canadian Development

Unfortunately, to most readers the term "geography" has but an academic meaning. As a matter of fact, however, our national geography is the largest single factor affecting Canadian development. It is about as little academic as a mortgage. It is a bigger and more important business fact than the public debt. It is a permanent, fundamental factor touching our national development at every turn. To study and make known the physical property which the Canadian people own and have to develop is the general object of the natural resources intelligence service of the department of the interior.

Great credit is due the geological survey branch of the department of mines for the work it has pursued in studying the physical geography of the Dominion. The accompanying map is a product of that work. It shows Canada in the light of its basic physical conditions—the only light in which one can intelligently study the economic geography or make any

price is the one best-kept secret of our national progress runs finally and ways upon the geography of our national property. A thorough knowledge of the geography of the country is the cornerstone of any true appreciation of Canada's development possibilities and problems, and of any broad-based development policy for the Dominion as a whole.

Yet it is a fact that geography, as it affects the business life of the Dominion, is about the only feature of Canada which has not been studied in a broad enough way. Not even Canada out of a hundred has anything more than a hodge-podge idea of the true character and real development value of Canada as a national property. Canadian geography has been studied along narrow, superficial lines. The study has been too much confined to showing just the artificial or the most obvious natural features of the country—the locations of railways, cities and towns, and of the lakes, rivers, mountains and so on.

Machine For Cleaning Wheat Is Perfect

Is Attached to Separator and Removes Weeds While Threshing

The wood-cleaning machine, which has been perfected by Alberta department of agriculture, is attached to the top of the grain separator, and cleans the grain free of weed seeds and small grain, before it goes to the bin or granary.

The wood-cleaning machine weighs some 650 pounds, and is driven by a belt from the beater shaft. Only from 1 to 1 1/2 horsepower motor is necessary to drive the machine, and it has a capacity sufficient to permit it to handle the run of grain from any make of separator now in operation in the west. The excessive amount of vibration which was an undesirable factor in the first model of the invention, has now been successfully overcome. It is expected that the provincial department will direct the marketing of the machine next season, on a basis that will make it financially possible for separator men to finance. The invention is declared by grain men and farmers that the greatest step forward yet taken in the control of weeds on farms and the reduction of losses in the marketing of grain.

Manitoba Agriculturists Discussing Farming Problems

Rut Slaves and Methods of Control Was One Subject Discussed

"As much unanimity as possible and at least a uniform method is required in dividing which crops are most suitable for different districts in Manitoba," said Prof. T. J. Harrison, of M.A.C., in addressing the Manitoba agriculturists assembled in convention at Winnipeg. The speaker, in a brief address, endorsed Prof. Harrison's suggestion, especially with regard to the varieties of wheat. It certain varieties were better than others for different districts, all workers who had data on them should compare notes and know exactly what recommendations they were prepared to make to reply to inquiries. Otherwise advice might emanate from different stations which, while not conflicting, would be at least be puzzling.

Dealing with "some plant diseases and their control," Dr. D. L. Bailey, Dominion "rust" laboratory, remarked that "the rusts of wheat are a serious problem in Australia, had been identified in certain districts of Manitoba, but did not promise to be serious and would not be studied in this environment."

This year had been ideal for rust infection in a good crop of wheat from the experimental station, had been obtained and satisfactory records compiled. Data on the exact amount of damage attributable to rust had been obtained as the by-product of an experiment which showed that wheat, dust, applied to the growing plants, entirely eliminated rust. This fact, though interesting, lacked practical significance. Dr. Bailey's remarks, but from adjacent plots it was found that the rust, which was the only factor affecting the yield, had indeed been eliminated. The control plots to the extent of 78 per cent, in yield and degraded the grain from No. 2 Northern to No. 8 white.

The speaker also announced that rust culture was better under way than it had ever been.

Treatment for rust was dealt with by Mr. Connors, who gave the data gathered from his experiments this year. Dr. R. B. Bailey mentioned that, among other diseases recently found in the province were found mildew of sugarcorn and stem canker of wheat, both promising to be fairly easy to control.

A committee consisting of Dr. Bailey, Dr. G. H. Goulden, and Mr. Connors, was appointed to bring in a report on the plant disease situation.

The question of the best of seed for Durham wheats caused considerable discussion since Frank Foulds, of the Dominion seed laboratory, brought evidence previously submitted by N. Young to the Manitoba seed board, that these varieties germinated much more slowly than the other varieties. Prof. Vidner also showed that they averaged fewer seeds per lb. The natural conclusion that they should be discarded was not such a heavy one as it might seem. A slight increase should be agreed upon by a committee of the four speakers was suggested to draft concrete recommendations.

French Meteorologist Predicts Cold Winter

Professor Believes It Will Set Record For Canada

It is going to be a cold winter in Canada as well as all round the forty-first parallel of latitude, as cold as the winter of 1740 in England, when the Thames froze over.

This prediction is made by M. Gabriel, France's most distinguished meteorologist, and professor in the University of Caen.

"All of Canada and the whole of western part of the United States will have a bitterly cold winter, which ought to set in about the middle of December or early in January," he said.

M. Gabriel's prediction is based on the supposed existence of astronomical cycles.

A Clock Without Hands

A new clock without hands is being tested at London. The time is indicated by figures on two small panels, instead of by hands pointing to numbers on a round dial. A new panel is let down automatically as each minute passes and the hands are changed the same way.

May See Prince's Presents

Arrangements are being made for the public, at a special reception, to inspect some of the many presents received by the Prince of Wales during his recent South African and African tour.

About the time a man's first baby gets used to a new thing, other people begin to shun him.

How The Telephone Enters Intimately Into Every Phase Of Both Urban and Rural Life

A Business Institution

Should the Prince of Wales Operate at Profit Says Manager

Should the Prince of Wales decide to renounce his right to the British throne, he could settle down and make a good living as a farmer on his ranch in Canada.

Prof. W. L. Carlyle, manager of the Prince's ranch at High River, Alta., is authority for this statement, made at Chicago, where he exhibited the Prince's shorthorn bull, "King of the Palace," at the international livestock exposition.

"Anyone who thinks the Prince runs a 'dude ranch' is mistaken," said Prof. Carlyle. "The farm is an efficient, well-run institution, designed to be operated at a profit. The overhead is kept at rock bottom."

The Prince's shorthorn bull, named "The Prince," stands 66 inches high, more than 500 head of livestock, 24 Shropshire and Hampshire sheep, and 15 thoroughbred horses.

"The Prince sells an average of 25 young bulls from the herd annually, at prices ranging from \$100 to \$150 a head," the manager said. "The sale of 1000 lambs a year from \$40 to \$100 each, brings additional revenue. The stock is sold to breeders in both the United States and Canada."

Regarding the possibility of the Prince returning to the farm and operating the institution, Prof. Carlyle declared the heir to the British throne "got more rest and contentment there than in any other place in the world."

"Moreover, he is an athletic and takes a deep interest in the operations."

"He is no grower-horn. He can ride a western pony as well as any cowboy, and rode a steer with the best of them."

The value of the Prince's investment is constantly growing. The ranch contains 1250 acres, the last year and buildings and stock are worth in excess of \$200,000.

Elevator Screenings For Feed

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Trying To Save Antelope

Game Guardians and Police Patrol Arise in Saskatchewan

In an effort to save antelope in Saskatchewan from extinction, game guardians and provincial policemen are patrolling the country south of the South Saskatchewan River and in the Maple Creek district where the few remaining numbers make their home.

F. Bradshaw, provincial game guardian, states that the rapid decrease in numbers is due to hunters bagging the antelope for the lust of killing. He has circulated posters, entitled "A Square Deal for the Antelope," and issued agents and game guardians.

Boy Scouts in Denmark

The Y.M.C.A. Scouts of Denmark held their third national camp this year.

The feature was "World Brotherhood Day," devoted to "realizing the world-wide brotherhood of the Boy Scouts." As one item of the programme the letters of greeting were read from Scout troops throughout the world, these including seven from Canada, and several from Canada. After reading, the letters were read certain Danish troops for acknowledgment, which will help the steady correspondence to be maintained.

What He Really Wanted

She—'I've sent back your letters, your presents and your ring. Is there anything else I can do?'

He—'You might return my love.'

There are eight species of plant in Canada, but only five are of commercial importance.

The most striking fact of Canadian life is the arrival from Europe in the manner in which the Dominion, which they have considered as a very distant and remote place, has brought into general, everyday usage the most modern and up-to-date conveniences and amenities which invention has given to the world. The resident of Canada, for instance, does not appreciate his country's excellent position in regard to the use of the telephone until he visits Europe, where the inconvenience and irritating loss of time arising from the lack of this means of communication strikes it strikingly home. The approach of the twentieth century, the invention of the telephone makes it an appropriate time to briefly survey Canada's achievement in this connection and fix the position of the Dominion among other countries in the world.

In 1921 the Canadian census showed the population of \$788,000,000. In 1921 there had been over 1,600,000 telephones in operation throughout the Dominion. This works out at eleven telephones per 100 of population, or eleven per cent, and in respect to their development Canada stands ahead of all the other states, where the figure is 3.27 per cent, among the countries of the world. Furthermore, the gross earning per telephone in Canada is higher than in any other country of which there is record. The gross revenue of \$788,000,000 in the year 1921 in the Netherlands were \$61.17; in Great Britain, \$65.13; in the United States, \$49.3; and in Canada, \$61.17.

This development is by no means confined to the older, more developed and established sections of the country, but, on the contrary, is more pronounced in the newer western territory. For some time, for instance, the City of Calgary in Alberta has led the entire world in regard to the number of telephones per capita of population, with, at the present one city, one telephone to every four and a fraction residents. Practically the same situation is to be found throughout the other cities of Western Canada.

And the telephone in Canada is not by any means confined to urban centers, but is found in almost every nook and corner of the life of the farm, both in a business and social sense. It is interesting to note that in the province of Manitoba, where the population is described as rural to the extent of about 60 per cent, there is a telephone to every eight residents, and that in the province of Saskatchewan there are two rural telephone subscribers to every urban subscriber, a situation which is not by any means unique.

This is a very gratifying state of affairs, and it is a measure of progress in all directions along the most modern lines. The telephone has come to enter most intimately into every phase of Canadian life and more especially the agricultural. The line of telephone poles stands like a great network of communication, and the farmer given adequate touch with the world from which he is apart just with which he transacts his business. The extension of the phone throughout the re- motor farming settlements of Canada is a situation, which the poor sapient European can form no conception of.

Urges Agricultural Education

An agricultural college is to be established in a central position in New South Wales, Australia, and it is to be for land, buildings and equipment and an annual output of many thousands for staff. In the meanwhile the board has urged the establishment of arm training colleges for elementary agricultural education, emphasizing that New Zealand has the full use of agricultural science if it is to compete effectively in the world's markets.

Mrs. Prof. "Has the professor had his breakfast?"

Mrs. Prof. "I don't know."

Mrs. Prof. "Then ask him."

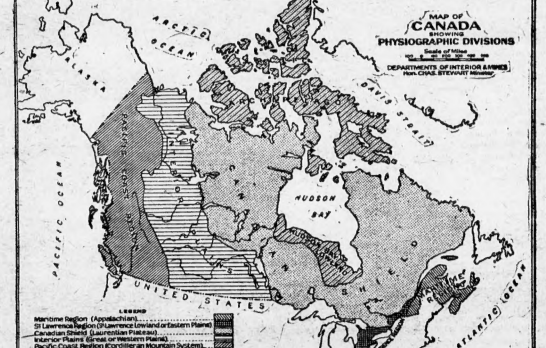
Maid: "I have and he doesn't know either."

In British Columbia there is an abundant supply of red cedar, some time ago the standard cost of it frequently reaches 150 feet in height and 10 feet in diameter.

Ellis: I suppose you met lots of Greeks while you were in Athens?

Ellis: Yes; they have there over there.

The best way to gauge the worth of things, is to observe how men who have never say.



Map of Canada showing its geographical features, including the Atlantic Ocean, Hudson Bay, and the United States. The map is titled 'PHYSIOGRAPHIC DIVISIONS' and includes a legend for various regions like the Maritime Provinces, St. Lawrence Valley, and the Great Lakes.

Low Rate On Perishable Food

Winter Express Rate Now Only Ten Per Cent Higher Than Summer

British Columbia fruits and vegetables will move to the prairie provinces this winter under unusually low express rates, reduction in the rates having been announced to become effective December 1.

The special summer rates of fruit and vegetables terminated November 30, but instead of bringing into force the second class rates customarily applying from November 1 to April 30, the railway express companies are introducing a tariff which is only ten per cent above the special summer rates.

Market For Produce

Canada Can Greatly Increase Her Trade With Britain

Trade between Canada and the United Kingdom, at any rate as far as produce trade is concerned, can be increased and the profits can be made ten per cent. higher within the next twelve months if the Canadian farmer takes a more active part in the market.

William Lyle, representative of a group of British produce merchants, stated in the course of an interview at Montreal.

Mr. Lyle emphasized that there must be some sort of Dominion export subsidy or control of Canadian produce in order to obtain standardized quality of goods, such as the Danish merchants had succeeded in producing.

Finish Cattle At Fort William

Feeding Lot To Be Operated At Fort William

Announcement that the Livestock Producers Company of Canada was going to operate forthwith at Fort William, has caused considerable excitement in the cattle country.

The narrow lines which the study of economic geography has followed in Canada has succeeded in giving all most everyone a fair superficial idea of the Dominion. Probably none educated Canadians out of ten could sketch a fairly good rough map showing the political divisions of the country by provinces and territories.

Canada, however, would never recognize a map showing the great geographic regions which not only shape the whole course and character of the Dominion's economic development, but actually create our transportation, tariff and most of our other major political questions.

Irish Free State Exports May Eggs

Second in Importance To Denmark In This Industry

As exporters of eggs the people of the Irish Free State rank only second in importance to Denmark and these are probably sold as English "new laid," and fetch as high prices as the best that come to the markets.

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W. J. McGowan, who is the agent for the country throughout the west, "we intend to finish 500 export cattle at Fort William, the feed used being 'screenings' for the most part. We have secured an excellent area of land to be used as an old Grand Trunk terminal with an area of 50,000 acres which will be used for getting fairs shape."

Women and Abilities

Although a woman's skill at running and swimming may be as well developed as a man's, she can swim but 80 per cent. as fast and run but 80 per cent. as fast as a man, according to estimates. The chief reason accepted for this condition is that a woman cannot exert the same power as a man.

The wood of the red or Norway pine is heavier, harder and more resilient than white pine, but it is used for the same purposes.

Some people are so mean that they even make their attempts at politeness disagreeable.

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Manitoba Fish Industry

About Half a Million Pounds Sent Weekly to American Points

An indication of the importance of the fish industry is given in the statement to the effect that close to 500,000 pounds of Manitoba whitefish are being shipped weekly to New York and Boston. The fish are caught principally in Lakes Winnipeg and Winnipegosis, and are being introduced to the markets of New York and Boston, some years ago, the demand has continued to increase.

Wheat Exports

More Than Doubled in First Three Months of Present Crop Year

Exports of Canadian wheat more than doubled in the first three months of the present crop year, as compared with last year. The total exports for the first three months in question, which included October, to all countries, were 72,000,000 bushels, as compared with 28,740,000 bushels for the corresponding period of last year, while the value of the exports rose from \$14,536,000 to \$21,779,000. The largest proportionate rise was in the shipments to the United States for consumption in that country, which increased more than five times.

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SYNOPSIS

Daree, the wildcat, had left the cabin of Pierrrot, the trapper, to join the Wolf pack. But the wolves would not have him—he was only half-wolf and back to the cabin he went, to be the guardian and protector of Negepe, the trapper's daughter, henceforth. One day Pierrrot, after a word from Negepe, the trapper, taking him to go to Lac Bain and help in the general rescue, for a few days, while Negepe was away. It was a strange request and caused Pierrrot to wonder.

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After Della had gone, he said to Negepe:

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door when the Factor from Lac Bain entered the cabin, and for a few seconds who did not turn. Her first thought was of Pierrrot—for some reason he had returned. But she was standing with back against the door, and at Negepe—in her wonderful dress and flowing hair—he was staring at it stumped for a space at what he saw. Pierrrot, or accident, was playing against the Willow now.

It was not a long interval in which their eyes met in that terrible silence—terrible to the girl. Words were unnecessary. At last she understood—understood that her peril had been that day at the edge of the chasm and in the forest, when fearlessly she had risked with the impulse that was confronting her now.

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Only a single step McTaggart advanced. From the door there had remained like a carved thing. He had not moved. He had not made a sound. He had not stirred.

Until McTaggart took the step. And then, like a flash, he was up and in front of Negepe, every half of his body bent and the rest of his body growl McTaggart lunged back against the barred door. A word from Negepe in the moment, and it would have been over. But an instant was lost—an instant before her cry came.

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KEEPS YOU ROBUST THE VITAMIN-TONIC Scott's Emulsion OF PURE COD-LIVER OIL

Move Ancient House The remaining portions of Warwick priory have been sold to an American, a London report says. The buildings will be taken down stone by stone and carried to the United States.

NEW STRENGTH FOR WEAK STOMACHS

Indigestion Disappears When the Blood Is Enriched

The urgent need of all who suffer from indigestion is a tonic to enrich the blood. Rich and distress after the blood is the way the stomach shows that it is too weak to perform the work of digesting the food taken.

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Only a single step McTaggart advanced. From the door there had remained like a carved thing. He had not moved. He had not made a sound. He had not stirred.

Until McTaggart took the step. And then, like a flash, he was up and in front of Negepe, every half of his body bent and the rest of his body growl McTaggart lunged back against the barred door. A word from Negepe in the moment, and it would have been over. But an instant was lost—an instant before her cry came.

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An Amazing Experiment

New York Doctor Kept Fowl Heart Alive Since 1913

A bit of tissue from a chicken's heart kept alive since 1913 as part of an experiment begun at that time by Dr. Alexis Carrel, would have grown larger, could it have been kept alive, had it not been cut every twenty-four hours, according to Professor Arthur G. Groves.

Professor Groves said a motion picture record of what actually occurred in the tissue grows has been made by the Rockefeller Institute, where the experiment was conducted.

"It was one of the most amazing things I ever saw," Professor Groves said. "The fin of the growth of the tissue was taken during twenty hours and must have involved a vast amount of work."

"What takes place in the twenty-four hours is reduced in it to a comparatively few minutes. It was not an accident that I found a development, nothing that of course, combinations, aprils, put nobody into the marvels of biology seem to combine themselves into forms, formations."

"Dr. Carrel introduced immortality in a very simple way. It is to keep the heart of a fowl alive for twenty-four hours, and so long as this tissue is nurtured and 'irrigated' it will live. It cannot die. Its growth is so enormous that it doubles itself every twenty-four hours, and if it had not been pared down, each day since the experiment began it would have been a colossal monster oversteering all New York."

Professor Groves formerly was professor of anatomy at Leeds University, and for many years director of research for the British Dyeing Corporation.

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Thursday, Dec. 24, 1936

A Right Merry Christmas to
all readers.

School closed for the holiday
term, Wednesday, afternoon.

C. Evans Sergeant, Sec. Treas.
R. M. Mantario, was a visitor
in town Saturday, with Bell
for collection of taxes.

A Holiday Dance is to be
held in the Theatre, next Tues-
day evening.

Frank Lyons went to Swift
Current, Monday for X-ray ex-
amination.

Local Curling schedules are
now being drawn up and con-
tented by various rinks.

Waizy Leach, made a busi-
ness trip to Pelly, Wednes-
day.

Old friends will regret to
learn that Charlie Johnson of
Buffalo, has been forced by
poor health to seek special ad-
vice at Rochester, Minn.

Miss Opal Ray, arrived home
on Sunday from Saskatoon
to spend her holiday vacation
with her parents.

Miss Mildred Arthur, arrived
home on Monday from Calgary,
to spend her holidays here.

Miss Edie Howles, arrived
home from Saskatoon on Sun-
day, to spend her holidays with
her people.

Our fine weather has depen-
ed, and Tuesday and Wednes-
day snow had fallen, clothing
everything outside, with a
Christmas mantle.

Good comment was heard re-
garding singing at the Union
Church, Sunday night; the an-
them being especially appreci-
ated.

Mrs. Hall, left for Calgary,
Friday, returning on Wednes-
day accompanied by her moth-
er, Mrs. Graham, who will
spend the holiday season here.

The members of the local
and club made a presentation
of a beautiful gold wrist watch
to their housekeeper, Mrs. J.
L. Kelley.

"Look for goodness, look for
gladness."

You will meet them all the
while.
If you bring a smiling visage
To the glass, you meet a
smile. — Alice Curry.

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Legend of St. Christopher
continued

And the king whose cross had
sailed even Satan, the terrible
Frenzy of Hell, to fear and
tremble. He was drenched in
holy terror, who told him the
story of the cross and instructed
him in the service of the
Lord Christ. Offero stationed
himself at the edge of a dan-
gerous stream where many
travellers had to cross. On a
point of his great size and
strength, he rendered great as-
sistance and saved many lives.
One very dark and stormy
night when the river was in
flood and exceeding dangerous,
a small child came to the river
bank and asked to be taken
across. Offero placed the child
on his broad shoulders and
waded out into the tumbling
water. As he went the child
seemed to grow heavier with
every step, and his mighty
strength was taxed to the ut-
most. He safely reached the
far shore and set his burden
down. Then, as he looked, a
strange light enfolded the child,
and before him stood the Christ
whom he had so long been try-
ing to find. A clear sweet
voice came to him saying, "In-
asmuch as ye have done it un-
to one of the least of these, my
children, ye have done it unto
me. It seemed indeed a heavy
burden, for I bear on my should-
ers the sins and sorrows of the
whole world. Their art will
fit to be my servant, and hence-
forth thou shalt be known as
St. Christopher (Christ-bearer),
and as a sign that I am thy
King, take thy staff and strike it
into the earth." As the voice
ceased, the light faded and the
child was gone; but when Offero
looked himself into the earth
it took root and budded out in-
to leaves of tender green.

A Christmas Sermon

Romans 14:6 — "He that re-
gardeth the day, regardeth it
unto the Lord."

Paul has been writing of de-
cidedly varied religious custom,
neither excusing nor accusing
one group against another. He
justifies all—in their observa-
nces, they are trying to honour
his God.

In our text, He who would
regard a certain day is justified
in so far as he regards it with a
view to serving or honouring the
Lord.

Here then, is the basis for
observing Christmas. Unlim-
ited range is permissible for our
activities Christmas day; only
if we would regard or observe
the day, with its religious back-
ground and significance, we
must therein serve and honour
God, which is the highest
way of saying we must serve
humanity and honour ourself
as.

It is needless and futile to
set down in formidable array,
mechanical lists of forbidden
conduct and commanded vir-
tues. Such an approach to
keeping Christmas defeats its
own avowed purpose. Rather

we must face the queries
Where does Christmas come
from? What does it mean? In
its background and its signifi-
cance? No one can speak
with finality about such mat-
ters—and many answers might
be honestly given. Not ex-
cluding the available truth,
surely it can be agreed that the
background of the day is the
Love of God, and its signifi-
cance lies in this, His outstand-
ing intervention in human af-
fairs. This day, above all days,
then calls for the fulfillment of
the two newer commandments
given by Jesus himself, "Thou
shalt love the Lord thy God,"

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"Hits an auto fair and square
"There's the freight train—Where's
the auto?"
"Echo answers 'Where!'"

Trees at the rate of 20,000 a day
have been planted by farmers in
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